

LEAGUE MAGNATES
MEET THURSDAYVirginia League Meeting to Elect
President and Decide on
Circuit.

Secretary Gregory and Vice-President Hadley, of the Virginia State Baseball League, have announced that the meeting which was to have been held to-night has been postponed until to-morrow night (Thursday, December 24). This has been done in order that all may attend the meeting, which is for the purpose of electing a new president to fill the vacancy made by the retirement of former President Jake Wells.

Another important object of the meeting is to decide just what cities will be included in the circuit this coming season. There has been some dissatisfaction over the results obtained in Danville, and Petersburg is said to be considered as a possible addition to the circuit. Whatever the outcome of the controversy will be, nobody is able to state at this time as Danville is a good town, and it is hoped, will be represented next year.

It is said that the Danville fans are prepared to meet any demands made by the club owners in order to remain in the league, and an interesting discussion is assured.

Among those mentioned for the presidency is Charles W. Boyer, and it is thought that he will be elected unanimously, as he is a man well able to direct the affairs of the league.

FIGHTING FOR A
HIGHER RATINGPresident Powers of the Eastern
League Issues Call for
Meeting.

NEW YORK, Nov. 30.—President P. T. Powers, of the Eastern Baseball League, to-day issued a call for a meeting in this city December 6th of the owners of the clubs of that league and of the American Association to discuss and carry out recommendations presented by the commission appointed at Buffalo a fortnight ago relative to the appeal to the National Commission for higher classification.

These two organizations, which bolted the National Association at its meeting in Chicago, claim they do not wish independence, but seek the action they did for the purpose of securing privileges they consider essential.

The National Commission will meet here next week.

DEEP RUN HUNT CLUB
ANNOUNCES DATES

Dates for the meets of the Deep Run Hunt Club have been announced for the coming month, and include runs over many beautiful properties, the owners of which have been invited to join.

The dates and places of meeting are as follows: December 5th, Rio Vista, at 2 P. M.; December 12th, Laburnum (Batter), at 2 P. M.; December 19th, Idle Hour (Mr. Rucker), at 3 P. M.; December 26th, Kennels, at 11 A. M.; December 28th, at 3:30 P. M., at Chestnut Hill.

The club has had many very enjoyable runs already this season, the one of the last Saturday being especially so. It is expected that there will be a larger attendance next Saturday, when the hunt is held at Rio Vista.

Attend Good Roads Meeting.

Invitations have been received by the Chamber of Commerce to attend the good roads meeting, which will be held in Petersburg to-morrow. Business Manager Dahler will deliver the address, but the rest of the members had not been selected last night. The committee will drive in motor cars to the Cockade City in company with Governor Swanson, who will speak, the committee from the Travelers Protective Association and members of the Richmond Automobile Club.

BOWEN DRAFTED.

Lynchburg's Star Second Baseman Will Wear the Uniform of Birmingham.

LYNCHBURG, VA., November 30.—The local baseball association has been notified that Andrew Bowen, premier second baseman of the Virginia League, has been drafted by Birmingham of the Southern League.

Bowen has been with the local team for three years.

HARVARD'S CAPTAIN

Young Hamilton Fish Unanimously Elected Head of Next Year's Team.

CAMBRIDGE, MASS., November 23.—Hamilton Fish, Jr., of Garrison-on-Hudson, N. Y., a member of the team of 1910, was unanimously elected to-day captain of the Harvard football team for next year. Fish has played right tackle on the varsity eleven for two years.

Jimmy Britt Matched.

LONDON, November 30.—Jimmy Britt, the famous Franco lightweight, and Johnny Summers, the English lightweight, are arranging to fight February 22 for a prize of \$5,000 offered by the National Sporting Club.

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LIVE SPORTING GOSSIP

With Auburn and Louisiana State claiming the championship of the far South, highest honors of the S. F. A. A. seem to be in as big a muddle as they are in Virginia.

Representatives of the athletic department of Louisiana State have issued a statement declaring that the undefeated team, which represented the institution during the past season, now holds the championship of the South, basing their assertion on the fact that the team had defeated Auburn, of Alabama, which has defeated Sewanee, who in turn had defeated Vanderbilt.

But the doers do not award the trophy to Louisiana, because of the alleged playing of professionals on the team. In fact, most of the papers of the South are of the opinion that Auburn is the real champion, with Vanderbilt and Sewanee tied for second place. The rest of the teams are in a hopeless tangle, on account of the surprising reversals of form in the last few games.

McGraw Stung.

During the Red's last series in New York they gave Robt. Marquard, McGraw's \$10,000 peach, his first taste of baseball high life by chasing him off the rubber.

Now comes an American Association player with a yarn that is calculated to keep the big southpaw off the center of the stage whenever he gets up against a team that can beat some.

Marquard, as has been frequently told, suffers from a condition in one of his eyes, which prevents him from seeing up to him in the field, at the same time helping him in the matter of deceiving the batsman as to just what direction his optics are focused.

"Some of the boys got on to the fact that Marquard could see well on only one side of him," remarked an American Association player, "and so those that could tried the trick of bunting to him on the side where his range of vision was handicapped."

The scheme worked fine. Where a pitcher with two good eyes would have been able to make a direct play, Marquard was compelled to get his good eye toward the rolling sphere before he could field it. This proved a time-waster on numerous occasions, and also had the effect of rattling the big fellow.

"However, as there were comparatively few good bunters in our league, the knowledge of Marquard's weakness did not help the team a great deal. But with major league teams—teams like the Cubs, Pirates and one or two others—bunt is an easy mark if they can get a ball Marquard was compelled to get away from that imperfect optic."

Two of Virginia League's former star baseball players have been drafted for the following season. They are "Molly" McMahon, Roanoke's shortstop, and Bowen, Lynchburg's fast little second baseman, as is shown by Secretary Farrell's bulletin, which has just been issued.

McMahon goes to the Elmira (N. Y.) team, and that by a narrow margin, as Dayton also was after him. However, as Elmira was the first team to notify the National Commission, he was awarded to them.

Bowen is going to the Birmingham Club of the Southern League, and it is expected that he will earn himself a berth there. He is one of the fastest men in the business.

Christy Mathewson is not the only life insurance salesman in the baseball profession. Harry Patten, of the Superbas, also follows this line in the off-season, and has found it a paying business.

If Keeler should be appointed manager of the Brooklyn team, he would make the fourth member of Baltimore's famous "Big Four" to be graduated into the managerial ranks. The others are McGraw, Jennings and Kelley.

Of the National League umpires O'Day, Johnston, Owen and Cullen are of Irish extraction; Klem and Rikler are of German descent, and Emale is a Canadian.

President Taylor, of Boston, is quoted

as saying that one of his reasons for releasing Manager Jim McGuire last season was that McGuire permitted his wife to influence him too much in his method and plans.

It is said that Manager McGraw has secured the famous veteran catcher, Wilbert Robinson, to go South with the Giants next spring and coach the young pitchers with the 1909 Giants.

Roger Bresnahan this year set a new major league catching record by officiating during the last 123 out of the 157 championship games played by the Giants.

The Brooklyn Club is really after Shertshup Dahler, of Boston, but there is no chance, according to President Dovey, of a trade of Dahler for Phil Lewis.

A wit rises to remark that Covaleski and Jackitsch, of the Phillies, form a battery which is good from Pole to Pole. Help!

THE KANGAROOS
TENNIS-MANNERS

Wright Defeats Brookes, but Alexander Goes Down Before

Wilding.

MELBOURNE, November 30.—Australian players to-day won the Davis cup, finally defeating Messrs. Wright and Alexander, the American contestants.

Two single matches were played. The first was between Norman Brookes, Australia, and Beals C. Wright, America, and the second between A. F. Wilding, Australia, and P. B. Alexander, America. Brookes lost to Wright, but Wilding beat Alexander, and as it was necessary for the Americans to win both these contests in order to take the cup back to the United States, the famous trophy will remain here.

In the first set with Wright, Brookes showed splendid judgment in placing the balls and the score was 6-0. The second set was keenly contested, score 6-3. The third set was hard fought, and resulted in a victory for the American, score 5-7. In the fourth Wright, service and volleying were admirable, and he won 2-6. It was now two sets all. The final set was long drawn out and hard fought, but Wright was eventually the winner, score 10-12. Wilding beat Alexander, 6-3, 6-4, 6-1. The American was outplayed and outclassed, and Wilding showed wonderful accuracy.

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Summary of Operations of the Building Inspector's Office From Jan. 1 to Nov. 30, 1908

Total number of permits issued in November for new work		Apartment houses	
Permits	34	1	40,000
Estimated cost of new improvements in November	\$180,000		
Estimated cost of repairs, additions, etc., in November	20,975		
Total cost of work authorized in November	\$200,975		
Average value of permit for new work in November	\$5,355.088		
Average value of permit for repairs, additions, etc., in November	616.31		
Average value of total permits issued in November	3,088.000		

NEW STRUCTURES—1908.		Jan. 1st to Nov. 30th.	
Brick dwellings	230	1,040,900	\$1,040,900
Frame dwellings	284	338,240	\$338,240
Stores	41	49,400	\$49,400
Brick stables	28	23,685	\$23,685
Sheds	28	13,320	\$13,320
High school	1	330,233	\$330,233
Schools	1	33,000	\$33,000
Warehouses	13	150,975	\$150,975
Manufactories	2	15,315	\$15,315
Public baths	1	4,000	\$4,000
Substations	1	6,000	\$6,000
Halls	4	80,500	\$80,500
Churches	3	38,200	\$38,200
Hotel buildings	1	6,000	\$6,000
Y. M. C. A.	1	180,000	\$180,000
Hospitals	1	15,000	\$15,000
Theaters	1	37,000	\$37,000
Church homes	1	37,000	\$37,000

ALTERATIONS AND REPAIRS—1908.		Jan. 1st to Nov. 30th.	
Brick dwellings	91	\$2,525	\$2,525
Frame dwellings	108	\$4,715	\$4,715
Stores	27	10,130	\$10,130
Sheds	24	2,134	\$2,134
Manufactories	27	34,427	\$34,427
Hotels	4	7,055	\$7,055
Schools	6	24,175	\$24,175
Churches	9	15,175	\$15,175
Brick stables	13	9,740	\$9,740
Theaters	6	4,000	\$4,000
Office buildings	2	1,125	\$1,125
Brick stores	36	25,030	\$25,030
Banks	1	3,000	\$3,000
Colleges	1	4,000	\$4,000
Hospitals	4	8,700	\$8,700
Pumping stations	1	7,000	\$7,000

Total number of examinations and reports	35		
Estimated cost of new improvements from Jan. 1st to November 30th	\$2,721,486		
Estimated cost of repairs and additions from January 1st to November 30th	273,475		
Total amount of all work authorized	\$2,994,961		
Increase in new work in November, 1908, as compared with November, 1907, is \$78,302; increase of alteration and repair work in November, 1908, as compared with November, 1907, is \$10,070, and the increase of all work authorized in November, 1908, as compared with November, 1907, is \$88,372.			

News Gathered from Southside

Manchester Bureau, Times-Dispatch.

At a meeting of the Manchester Bureau, held at headquarters last night, resolutions of sympathy for the family of the late Chief George C. Shaw, of Richmond, and of respect and admiration for his character were presented and unanimously adopted.

The resolutions state that Chief Shaw had on numerous occasions encouraged and helped the Manchester department, and that the news of his death, which occurred at the post of duty, was received with deep regret by the local department.

One copy of the resolutions was ordered to be put on file, and one will be sent to the late chief's family. Another will be sent to the Richmond Fire Department.

Association to Organize.

Following the meeting of the Fire Department, the Firemen's Relief Association met, and elected officers for the ensuing year. The organization will take immediate steps to secure a charter, so that it will be benefited by the firemen's relief fund bill, which was passed by the last Legislature.

The officers elected were W. B. Crook, president; W. E. Smith, secretary, and W. T. Smith, treasurer. Board of Directors—R. E. Owen, R. H. Lee, J. W. Ferriss. The meetings were well attended.

Acting on resolution offered by Mr. Taylor, the Buildings and Land Committee, at its meeting last night, decided to recommend to the Finance Committee that the offer of A. H.

Howitzers' and Tigers' Elevens to Play Saturday at Broad Street Park.

At Broad Street Park next Saturday afternoon, there promises to be one of the hardest fought football contests that Richmond has seen for many a day, when the teams of the Howitzers and the strong Tigers line up against each other for the championship of the city.

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Basket, Rattan and Wooden Ware Works, to buy the old shirt factory building, recently leased for a number of years by the company, be accepted. The amount offered for the property by the company was not made public.

Bids for repair work on the fire-house, consisting of putting on and painting a new roof and remodeling the bell tower, were received and opened. Contractor Fry's bid of \$118 was the lowest, but there were several clauses in the contract that the members of the committee did not understand.

The matter was laid over until the next meeting, when Mr. Fry will appear before the committee and explain the terms of his agreement. Many small bids were ordered paid.

City Treasurer Bronaugh and City Collector Robinson were kept busy yesterday receiving State and city taxes. There was a big rush shortly before 6 o'clock. Yesterday was the last day on which taxes could be paid without the 5 per cent. penalty.

Persons desiring to vote in the spring election have until December 7th to pay up and qualify. The 5 per cent. penalty will be added.

Many persons who have not paid their poll taxes in years came forward and paid yesterday. The city registration will be largely increased at the next election.

In view of the many questions of public interest now being discussed and which may come before the people next spring, it is believed that many more voters will pay up before the expiration of the final time limit.

Valuable Sheep Killed.

Mr. W. B. Davis, proprietor of the Whitey Farm, situated about two miles from the James River, in Chesterfield county, had ten valuable sheep killed by dogs Thanksgiving night. Sunday night he lost five in the same manner. Mr. Davis is a stock-raiser, and the sheep killed were also registered. Several single animals were valued at \$25 apiece.

Mr. Davis says he intends to take the matter up with the county officials in an effort to put a stop to the way in which the dogs are kept. He has previously had valuable stock killed in this manner, and he will push the matter vigorously.

Alleged Detective Arrested.

A man, first giving his name as Smith, and afterwards as Clarke, was arrested yesterday on Southern Railway property by Special Officer Belcher. He was locked up in the police station.

Clarke, or Smith, who was slightly intoxicated, acted very suspiciously. He claimed he was a railroad detective, and threatened to knock out an employee, who refused to do his bidding.

Committee Has Been Appointed.

Mr. W. T. Dabney, business manager of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce, in a personal letter to each member of the City Assembly, states that he was mistaken in his statement that the last meeting of the Assembly that no consolidation committee from the City Council of Richmond had been appointed. Mr. Dabney said he had learned he was in error in the matter of the consolidation of the city.

Mr. Dabney is an employee of the Old Dominion Iron and Nail Works, of this city.

Miss Myrtle L. Cox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Cox, of Jarvis and tola Strade, of Portsmouth, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. Howie Thanksgiving Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Whitlock, who were recently married in Washington, have returned from their bridal tour and will make their home in this city.

Miss Irma Reams, of No. 316 Cordwain Avenue, was given a surprise party by her many friends Friday evening, in honor of her nineteenth birthday.

Stonewall Jackson Aerle of Eagles will hold a special meeting to-night at 7:30 o'clock.